

WEEK 2

GROW AT HOME

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Hey families! Here's a look at what we're covering with your kids so you can help them continue to grow at home during the week.

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This week, the story of **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego** reveals how God rescued them from a fiery furnace.

- **BIG IDEA:** God is ready to rescue us.
- **BIBLE:** Daniel 3

ASK THIS

Because sometimes you and your kid need a conversation-starter that isn't, "So ... how was church?"

- **What did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego say to the king when he told them they would be thrown into the furnace?**
- **What is something you feel you need rescuing from?**

REMEMBER THIS

This month, your kids are memorizing the Bible verse **1 Chronicles 16:25**, in case you want to work on them together.

NEXT WEEK

Next week, the story of Daniel interpreting **the writing on the wall** reveals how to follow God's words.

MEMORY VERSE: "For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods." 1 Chronicles 16:25 (NIV)

[Scan the QR code](#) for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!



OBJECT LESSON | Follow The Rescue

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** As a teaching tool, watch a video like [this one](#) (0:15–6:22), or something like it, to learn a modified version of this cup and ball trick to help retell the Bible story. This trick should be done on a table a distance from the audience. You'll need three opaque cups and five "balls" like pom-poms or cotton balls. The best cups to use are ones that stack with space in between them, [like these](#), to hide the balls appropriately. Prepare the cups by having one cup with two balls in it, and then two empty cups. Then stack them together, open side facing up, so an empty cup is visible. Have extra cups and balls for kids to learn the story with the trick afterward. Take the time to practice it beforehand!
- Let's recap the Bible story using a cups and balls trick. I'll teach you how to do this trick at the end so that you can tell others the Bible story with cups and balls, too.
 - Display three balls on the table.
 - These three balls represent Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They chose not to bow down to the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar made.
- The king was mad! But he gave them a chance to change their minds. If they were ready to bow down to the gold statue, great. If not, they'd be thrown into the furnace immediately.
 - Unstack the cups and place them face up on the table. You can naturally show the inside of an empty cup to the audience as you tell the story as a nonverbal way of saying that the cups are empty.
 - The friends said that even if they were put into the furnace...
 - Flip the cup with the two secret balls swiftly over one ball on the table. Place a ball on top of that cup, another cup on top of that, the third ball on top of that, and lastly the third cup. Try to do this sequence quickly.
 - ... that God could rescue them from the fire at any time.
 - Snap your finger, and reveal the three balls under the cups. Unstack the cups quickly, then spread the balls out a little so kids can see three balls. There should now be two cups with one ball in each and one empty cup.
 - But, even if God didn't save them, they would still never worship the statue, or any fake god for that matter.
- Now, the king was absolutely furious! He ordered the furnace to be seven times hotter than usual.
 - While you're talking, you can naturally show the empty cup again, but not draw any verbal attention to how it's empty.
 - He told some soldiers to tie them up.
 - Flip a cup with one secret ball swiftly over the three balls on the table. Place the two other cups on top of those to show the soldiers piling on them.
 - They brought them to the furnace.
 - Slide the stack of cups forward as if going to the furnace.
 - The fire was so hot it killed the soldiers while the friends fell into the fire!
 - Knock over the cups.
- But, huh?! Didn't they throw three guys in there? Now, there were four!
 - Spread out the four balls that were revealed.

